

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM: FIRE**

**SUBMITTAL DATE:  
7/8/2013**

**SUBJECT:** Set Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution 2013-193. Confirming Special Assessments for the Cost of Abating Hazardous Weeds.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

- (1) Direct the Clerk of the Board to set a public hearing for July 30, 2013 the list of parcels upon which the cost of weed abatement will become a special assessment.
- (2) Following a public hearing that the Board adopt Resolution 2013-193 confirming special assessments for costs incurred by the County in abating hazardous weeds.

**BACKGROUND:** Riverside County Ordinance 695.4 establishes an on-going program to abate hazardous vegetation. A "Notice To Abate" was sent to each owner of record, advising them of their obligation to comply within thirty days from the date of notice. Parcels found not in compliance by the Riverside County Fire Department, after re-inspection, have been turned over to the County Contractors for abatement.

A list of properties that are subject to a fee assessment will be provided at the Public Hearing. This fee incorporates the contractor's costs and an administrative fee of \$254.00

John R. Hawkins, County Chief

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0.00	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0.00	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0.00	For Fiscal Year:	13/14

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> N/A	<b>Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Requires 4/5 Vote</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** APPROVE.  
County Executive Office Signature By Tina Grande

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Stone, seconded by Supervisor Benoit and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended, and is set for public hearing on Tuesday, July 30, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: July 16, 2013  
xc: Fire, COB

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Prev. Agn. Ref.: \_\_\_\_\_ District: All \_\_\_\_\_ Agenda Number: **3-67**

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: **BRUCE G. FORDON**  
DATE: 7/10/13  
Departmental Concurrence

Dept's Recomm.:  Policy  
Per Exec. Ofc.:  Consent

Form 11 - **Subject:** Set Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution 2013-193 Confirming Fire Department Special Assessments for the Cost of Abating Hazardous Weeds.

Once a property is identified to be in non-compliance, a notice of violation and an order to abate is issued. If the property is not abated, then the county abates the property. At the conclusion of the abatement, a bill is issued. If not paid then the county has the ability to recover abatement costs by assessing real property. The county is then able to recover costs through the property tax process.

The adoption of Resolution 2013-193 in a public hearing of the list of those parcels not in compliance and subject to the abatement fee is the final step required under the Health and Safety Code Section 14910 and County Ordinance 695.4 to establish assessments and liens on those parcels.

The special assessments enumerated in this Item include the balance of hazardous weed abatement assessments for Fiscal Year 2013/2014, which were omitted from Resolution 2013-97 (Item 9-10) passed by the Board of Supervisor's on June 25, 2013.

For Fiscal year 2013/14, 541 parcels were involuntarily cleared of hazardous weeds at a cost of \$235,873.29. The resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.